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FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL  
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INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E.O. 11652: NU  
TAGS: CDES, KS, JA, (HATLESTAD, GERALD LESLIE)  
SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF REMAINS  
TREF: SEOUL 5904, TOKYO 10855, STATE 170702, STATE 170699

1. SENATOR HUMPHREY INTERESTED.
2. AMOUNT OF REMAINING FUNDS IN SCS TRUST FUND FOR GERALD L. HATLESTAD IS \$1220.
3. POST IS ALSO UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHY A MILITARY AIRCRAFT WAS USED FOR TRANSFER OF HATLESTAD BODY TO JAPAN. SOME TWO HOURS BEFORE DEPARTURE OF THE BODY, CONOFF DISCUSSED SHIPMENT WITH NCOIC ARMY MORTUARY SERVICE, SEOUL. AT THAT TIME THE BODY WAS SUPPOSED TO LEAVE FROM KIMPO AIRPORT ON A KAL FLIGHT. THE POST FIRST LEARNED OF THE USE OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT AFTER TAKEOFF.
4. BOTH DEPARTMENT AND TOKYO SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE HANDLING OF DECEASED USC BODIES IN SEOUL ARE HANDLED BY U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES. TOKYO SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE CONSULAR REPORT OF DEATH DOES NOT RPT NOT ACCOMPANY THE BODY AND THE DEATH CERTIFICATE THAT DOES ACCOMPANY A BODY IS PREPARED BY US MILITARY FACILITIES.
5. EMBASSY B/F OFFICE ADVISES THAT TOTAL FIGURE FOR HATLESTAD  
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SCS TRUST FUND WAS \$1500. TO DATE B/F HAS PAID \$280 FOR LOCAL MORTUARY SERVICE BUT HAS NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED ANY BILL FROM US AIR FORCE FOR SHIPMENT TO JAPAN OR ONWARD. THE SUM OF \$1500 WAS THE AMOUNT THE POST REQUESTED THE FAMILY TO DEPOSIT IN REFTEL A.

6. REFTEL B REFERS TO A COMMUNICATION FROM SEOUL GIVING HUMANITARIAN REASONS FOR SHIPPING HATLESTAD BODY BY MILITARY AIRCRAFT. SINCE EMBASSY SEOUL HAS NOT SENT ANY SUCH MESSAGE TO TOKYO, POST

ASSUMES MESSAGE WAS SENT BY ARMY MORTUARY SERVICE, SEOUL, OF WHICH EMBASSY WAS, UNTIL RECEIPT OF REFTEL B, UNAWARE.

7. REFTEL B ALSO CITES NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS DUE TO SIZE OF DECEASED. POST RECEIVED NO ADVICE AS TO SIZE OF DECEASED OR NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS ABOVE THE NORMAL FIGURE OF \$1500. EMBASSY SEOUL WILL REQUEST ARMY MORTUARY SERVICE TO SEND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO TOKYO SOONEST.

8. DESPITE APPARENT CONFUSION IN THIS CASE, EMBASSY WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE ARE WELL AWARE OF CURRENT DIRECTIVE REGARDING SHIPMENT OF DECEASED USC'S AND WILL CONTINUE TO COMPLY WITH THEM ACCORDINGLY.  
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